

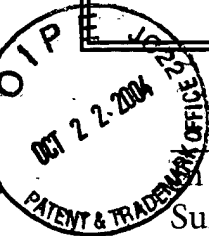
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Re Patent Application of:
Sunao Ishizaki

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For: DRIVE CIRCUIT OF INK JET HEAD
AND DRIVING METHOD OF INK JET
HEAD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In accordance with the RCE submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	3	- 20* =		X	
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TOTAL					0.00

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.